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PERSONAL MENTION.

Frank Scott of Seaside was in the city yesterday.

E. Z. Ferguson returned from Portland last night.

E. P. Peck of Kelso was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Frank Brallier of Warrenton was in the city yesterday.

Peter Grant was down from Portland yesterday on a visit.

Hon. Martin Both of Rainier was in the city yesterday.

Hon. C. F. Lester was over from Warrenton yesterday.

P. G. Stout of Ilwaco registered at the Occident yesterday.

County Commissioner William Larsen was in the city yesterday.

Frank Linville, brother of Sheriff Linville, was in the city yesterday.

Judge W. R. Hume returned yesterday from a business trip to Seattle.

Ed Jarvis and wife came up from Tillamook yesterday and went over to Seaside.

Mrs. P. H. Bagley and daughter of Knappa visited friends in Astoria yesterday.

W. W. Ridehaigh returned yesterday from a three weeks' business trip to Tillamook.

District Attorney Harrison Allen returned from Hillsboro last evening, where he had been attending court.

Clark Hadley and wife of Tillamook were passengers on the Elmore yesterday. They have left Tillamook and will make their home at Bend, Crook county.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

F. Williamson, City.
Henry A. Bergman, Ft. Columbia.
Thomas Jones, U. S. S. Perry.
Newton McCoy, Portland.
F. Gleason, Portland.

Mrs. Hop Sing.

Considerable sympathy has been worked up in Astoria in the interests of Mrs. Moore, the young woman who attempted to commit suicide last Thursday night by jumping overboard. Some of the charitably inclined people secured a room for her in a private lodging house and have made arrangements to give her employment until such time as she can hear from her husband. Mrs. Moore is not her right name, although her name is known to the police, who out of sympathy for the woman kept the matter a secret. About four years ago she married a Chinaman in Seattle and they run a restaurant there. About a month or so ago the Chinaman disposed of his business and left the city. He is now a resident of Yakima, Wash. Mrs. Hop Sing, or Moore, being penniless and without the means of support, came to Astoria about two weeks ago. No attention was paid to her until her attempt to commit suicide. She bears the evidence of having been well raised and is quite an intelligent woman. As a rule a woman who will marry a Chinaman is past redemption, but if she is sincere in her determination to reform, she will receive the assistance of the people of Astoria.

There is no complaint about business at the Star saloon. Good goods and courteous treatment will draw trade to any first-class saloon. That's what makes business good at the Star. The best is none too good for our customers.

"It is rumored on the streets today that 'now that the election is over, the newspapers will take up the war in the orient and fight it to a finish.' The report lacks confirmation.

There is only one place in Astoria that carries the genuine Old Georgia, Moonshine, corn whisky. P. E. Peterson of the Mirror, has received a consignment direct from the distillery.

POLICE COMMISSION

Police Commissioners Dejure Take Oath of Office.

DEMAND THE CERTIFICATES

Republicans Determined to Contest the Matter in the Courts of This County and Assert Their Legal Rights.

The republicans seem determined to carry the police commission fight into the courts, if their demands are not recognized by the common council. Yesterday morning, F. J. Carney, R. V. Jones and R. F. Prael, appeared before Auditor Anderson and demanded their certificates of election. Mr. Anderson had a vague recollection of meeting the three gentlemen in a quiet way at some social function, but when it gets down to a question of political expediency, and acting under the instructions of the city attorney, his honor politely refused to issue certificates of election. The Silver Star Trio, and quasi police commissioners-elect, then went before a notary public and raising their right hands, solemnly swore to discharge the duties of police commissioners for the city of Astoria to the best of their ability, and in conformity to the laws of the state of Oregon, so help me God. After having passed through this trying ordeal they went to the auditors' office and asked that the oaths of office be filed, which was done.

One thing is certain, that while public sentiment was in the first instance against the actions of the republicans, it has now shifted to the democrats, and a general demand is made that the offices of Police Commissioners Barker and Cook be declared vacant and two residents and tax payers be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council. If this is not done, the majority of the people, irrespective of party, will endorse the contentions of the republicans.

W. J. Cook has forfeited all rights or claims he ever had to the office. He has never attended but two meetings of the committee, has only been in Astoria less than three months during five years; is not a resident, and probably never will be again. Mr. Barker and his family have moved outside the jurisdiction of the United States and has forfeited all claims he had to the office. A vacancy exists, and it should be so declared by the common council and filled according to the provisions of the charter. If this is done, all further proceedings by the republicans will be discontinued, and they will acquiesce in the appointment made by the council. If it is not done, the present police commission will be removed by an order of court. As to the legal status of the matter, we are satisfied that the contentions of the republicans are correct and will be sustained by the courts. The public demand a change and it proposes to have it. If the democrats in control of the city government and who have the authority and power to declare the offices of the police commission vacant, refuse to accede to these demands, then their time on the political map will be brief.

Our Jack is Home Today.

J. C. Mayo, general freight and passenger agent of the A. & C. railroad, returned from a business trip to Tillamook yesterday. Mr. Mayo was interviewed by an Astorian representative yesterday, and stated that the climate of Tillamook was the finest and most prolific of any county on the coast. The people are complaining of the

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